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ALDOT project on Alabama Hwy. 134 at county roads 460/461 begins

Intersection being converted into 4-Way Stop; Detour begins Aug. 8th

On Monday, Aug. 1, crews began placing signs in preparation for an Alabama Department of Transportation project at the intersection of Alabama Highway 134 and Coffee County Roads 460 and 461.

The project will realign and convert the intersection to a four-way stop.

As part of the project, the hill on Alabama Highway 134 will be lowered. To do so the intersection will have to be closed.

A signed detour will be in place throughout the closure. The closure will begin Monday, Aug. 8.

The official signed detour will take

CCSO deputies make controlled substance drug arrests

According to Coffee County Jail records, an Elba man was arrested last week on multiple illegal drug charges.

Jordan Singleton, age 22, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 10:42 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, and records indicated the arrest was made by the Coffee County Sheriff's



Singleton

Office. Charges included possession of a controlled substance [\$10,000 bond], possession of marijuana – second degree [\$1,500 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,000 bond], and failure to appear [\$500 bond], also a misdemeanor charge.

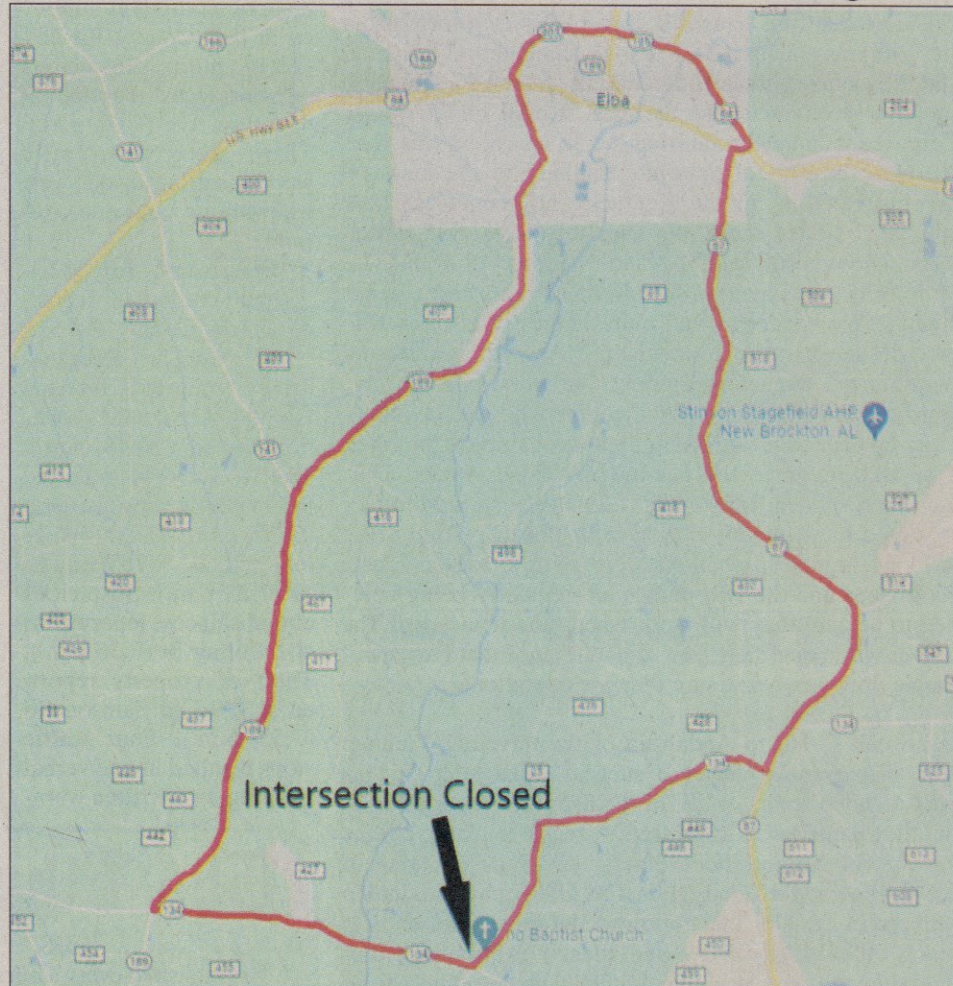
Additionally, Coffee County Deputies arrested Sherrie Flowers, age 45, of Bonifay, Fla., on Saturday, July 30, on charges of possession with intent to



Flowers

distribute a controlled substance (\$30,000 bond), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia (\$1,500 bond). She was booked into the county jail at 1:45 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

As of press time this week, both Singleton and Flowers remained in the Coffee County Jail.



This map shows where the Hwy. 134 intersection with County Roads 460/461 will be closed, beginning Monday, Aug. 8, for the road work. It also indicates the posted detour that will remain in effect until the road work is completed. The anticipated completion of this project is Oct. 2022, according to Alabama Department of Transportation officials.

Teamed with Auburn University's Draughton Center

Elba Public Library to host history seminar Aug. 8th

The Draughton Center for the Arts and Humanities at Auburn University has teamed with the Elba Public Library to bring a free seminar to Elba on Monday, Aug. 8, at 5:30 p.m.

The seminar will be "Ezra Wants to Know – The True Story of the Rosenwald Schools" with Frye Gaillard and Marti S. Rosner, and it will be held at the Elba Theatre, located at 231 Court Avenue on the square in downtown Elba.

Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong said she is excited to have this very informative seminar come to Elba.

In the early years of the 20th Century, Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears Roebuck & Co., worked with educator Booker T. Washington and grassroots leaders across the South to build more than 5,000 schools for African American children. After multiple interviews and extensive research, Marti Rosner and Frye Gaillard tell the story through the eager questions of Ezra, a curious little boy inspired by Rosner's own mixed race grandchildren. The

New Hours for Elba Public Library

As of Monday, Aug. 1, the Elba Public Library has new hours of operation:

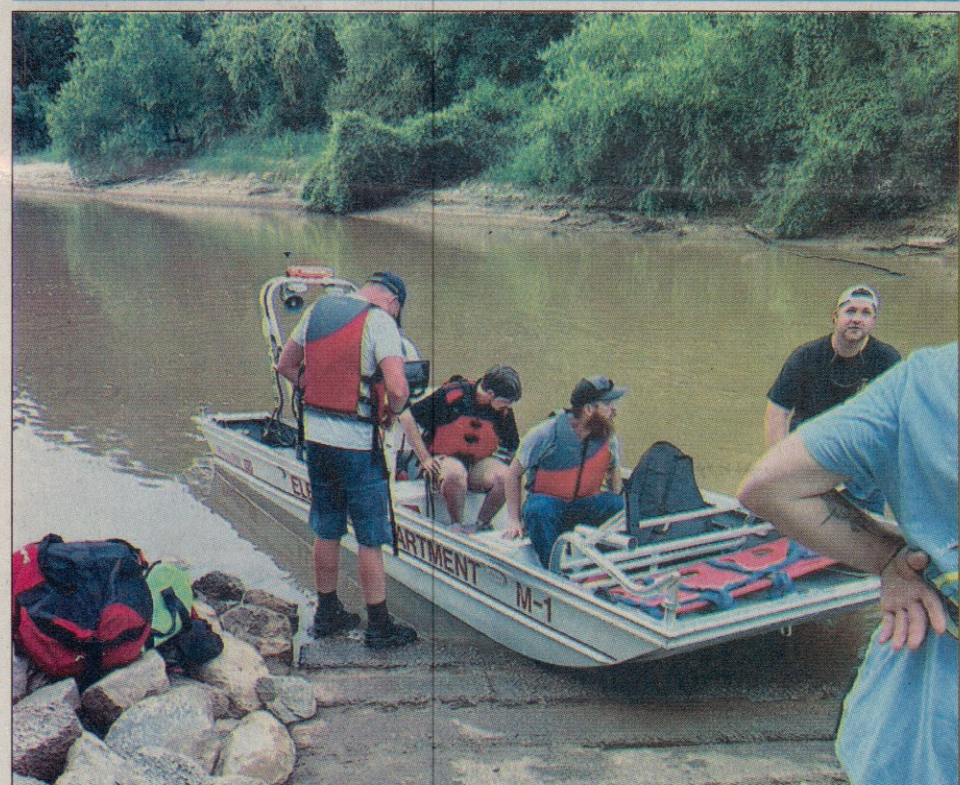
Monday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

result is an accessible, easy to read account – a history of hope in a difficult time that should not be forgotten.

Rosner has been an educator for over 40 years, and she has worked as a classroom teachers, district academic coach and worship leader.

Gaillard is an award-winning journalist with over 30 published works on Southern history and culture. In 2019, he was awarded the Alabama Governor's Arts Award for his contributions to literature.

There is no charge to attend the seminar. For more information, call the Elba Public Library at (334) 897-6921.



WORKING TOGETHER... Monday evening, July 25, members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department traveled to Kinston to train members of the Kinston Volunteer Fire Department on Elba's water rescue equipment on the Pea River. The water equipment was launched at the Williams Boat Landing in Kinston. The group of firefighters also used the training time to clear trees and brush at the boat ramp with chainsaws and pole saws to allow better access to the water at the ramp.

During special called meeting Thursday, July 28th

Elba BOE votes to hire new librarian for elementary school

The Elba Board of Education met for a special called meeting Thursday evening, July 28, and a new library/media specialist was approved for hire at the elementary school.

Superintendent Chris Moseley asked the board to approve the hire of Kimberly Hall as the new library/media specialist for Elba Elementary School. He said Hall is from Crenshaw County.

The board voted with no opposition to approve this recommendation.

The hire of a career coach for Elba City Schools was postponed until a later meeting. The superintendent said a person had been identified to be recommended for the spot, but there was a need due a current pregnancy to postpone the hire until a later meeting.

Also, the board accepted the resignation of David Keel as a teacher at Elba High School. Moseley said Keel had recently married and moved to the Andalusia area where he was going to accept a job closer to his new home.

The meeting's agenda included the approval of the 2022-2023 School Year

Salary Schedule, which would allow Elba employees to begin receiving their pay increase (approved by the state this year) in August. However, board members failed to approve the matter.

Elba City Schools assistant principal Jason Tucker addressed the board regarding concerns he had regarding his assistant principal's salary and how it compares with the new salary schedule following pay adjustments approved by the state for educators.

Board member DeAnn Grantham made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 school year salary schedule to allow Elba teachers to begin receiving their pay at the new rate in August. Her motion died, however, for lack of a second.

Board member Kristy Astemborski said she wanted to table the matter because she had additional questions.

The board also tabled an amendment to the Elba Elementary School Principal Contract per request of the superintendent. He said he would prefer that matter be tabled after the board failed to

approve the salary schedule because whatever happens with that might affect the principal contract in some manner too.

Moseley said he hopes the board would be able to resolve these matters by the Aug. 16th regular monthly board meeting.

Area Happenings

THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD will meet Thursday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street. This meeting is open to the public.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Thursday, Aug. 4, at 5:30 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting. Prior to the meeting, the board members will gather for a work session at 5 p.m. Both the work session and board meeting are open to the public.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL! Students return to school for the first day of the 2022-2023 school year on Friday, Aug. 5, at Elba City Schools, Coffee County Schools (Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel), and Brantley Schools.

THE MA-CHIS LOWER CREEK INDIAN TRIBE OF ALABAMA WILL MEET Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at 1 p.m. The meeting will be at 2950 County Road 377, Elba. The discussion will include: Low-Income Home Energy and Community Service Block Grant and fiscal year plan for 2023. Anyone with questions or concerns is asked to feel free to contact Chief James Wright of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama - Telephone 334-897-3207, Cell phone 334-449-0607, or email machis@centurytel.net



COMPETING IN THE WORLD SERIES...The 10U Girls Softball team from Kinston is competing this week in the 2022 Babe Ruth World Series underway in Treasure Coast, Fla. The tournament events began Thursday, July 28, and continue through Saturday, Aug. 6. Earlier this week, Kinston was completed 'pool play' at the World Series with 3 wins and 1 loss. Pool play determined where the Kinston team would place in bracket play, which began Wednesday, Aug. 3. Kinston team members include: (kneeling, left to right) Kennedy Owen (6), Gracie Brown (20), Bella Carter (8), Kylee Jenkins (10), Harper Morris (26); (standing, left to right) Emma Miranda (12), Madilynn Phillips (18), Adelyn Jarrell (11), Ella Greene (9), Adalyn Whigham (00), and Layla Carter (2). Team manager is Sasha Jarrell. Coaches are Tim Whigham, Cara Morris, and Steven Jarrell.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident." - Arthur Schopenhauer

One of the January 6 White House storming participants, the Texas militia member, was sentenced to just over seven years in jail for his actions leading up to the event and during the afternoon. He reportedly was carrying a loaded weapon, etc. We don't know the background, but his son testified against him in court. It is terrible that someone would do what he was convicted of doing, but he also has got to live with the fact that his own son turned him in and testified in court against him.

The ChocPea rain gauges recorded less rain throughout the Wiregrass in July 2022 than in same period last year. The Elba gauge showed a fraction of an inch July increase but down seven inches for the year. Overall, all the gauges registered an annual total of about 2 inches less this year. We note these numbers while thinking of the massive, ongoing flooding in the Kentucky hill country. Those folks have gotten more rain than they have ever experienced, and it is still raining - and flooding. All of this was completely unexpected. The Kentucky governor keeps saying, "We expect to find more bodies of citizens who have drowned in the flood waters." As with any disaster there are gut wrenching stories. The worst one we have heard out of Kentucky was the couple who watched helplessly as their four young children were ripped from their arms and drown in the fast-moving flood waters. This, and other, sudden flood events around the nation recently prompted us to double check with Elba City Hall to be sure that routine inspections were being made on Elba's flood gates and the two pumps are regularly being operated to be sure they will work when (and if) needed. The answer was a qualified 'yes' and assurance that crews will double down on being sure they are operational.

Last week's visit to Andalusia of the traveling Vietnam Wall display was clearly a success. Elba area citizens who attended some, or all, of the activities reported back that they came away impressed. A really touching climax was the Sunday afternoon playing of "Taps", singing of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless The USA" and the double rainbow in the sky that followed the quick rain shower which followed the above activities. You just can't pre-plan a closing ceremony that dramatic, you need help from a higher power. Our troops got very little appreciation immediately following their service in Vietnam but are now belatedly getting the respect they so richly deserve for their physical and mental sacrifices to freedom.

The spread of the monkeypox virus is noticeable across the nation. Some areas have even declared medical emergency situations. Alabama is not yet in that mode but has recorded several hundred cases of the rapid moving virus. While not as easily transmitted as COVID, it can cause death if not treated promptly. As before, we continue to urge our readers to read up on the symptoms and if you suspect you might have been exposed to monkeypox, SEE YOUR DOCTOR!

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!

Welcome Back School

Best Wishes for a Great School Year to All Our Local Schools!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, July 26, 2022, and Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, July 26 - Civil complaint reported on E Davis St (11:05 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at 712 Troy Hwy (11:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 934 County Rd 401 (12:17 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 958 Elm Ave (7:02 p.m.). There were two traffic stops resulting in one verbal warning, and one citation.

Wednesday, July 27 - Animal complaint reported at 656 County Rd 515 (9:17 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on the Hwy 84 Access Rd - citation issued (12:48 p.m.); Traffic accident reported to Elba Police headquarters (5:00 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 757 Williams St (7:23 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 402 Collier St (7:36 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 119 Old Samson Rd (7:53 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, two written warn-

ings, and one citation.

Thursday, July 28 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 1525 Edgewood Dr (12:03 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 270 Tyler St - verbal warning issued (4:40 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1933 Hickman Ave (7:54 a.m.); Identity theft reported at 1280 Hwy 203 (9:19 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at 990 Hwy 203 (10:46 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 103 Adkinson Ave (12:24 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reynolds Ave (4:14 p.m.); Assault reported at 1272 Ann St (5:36 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on 703 Plant Ave (7:12 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St, Apt C4 (9:34 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1316 Forest Lake Dr (9:45 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1313 Highland Dr (9:49 p.m.); Vehicle traveling at high rate of speed at County Rd 110/109 - citation issued (10:15 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation, and one no report.

Friday, July 29 - Suspicious vehicle report-

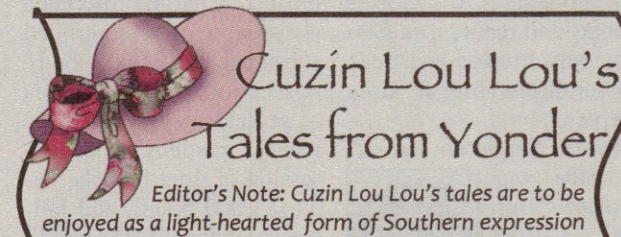
ed at Hwy 84/87 (2:00 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1513 Reese Ave - w/ animal impound (1:05 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 715 Troy Hwy (3:33 p.m.); Assault reported at 221 E Davis St (3:49 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 887 Forest Ave - w/ animal impound (4:16 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Brunson Circle (9:02 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, two arrests, one verbal warning, and one citation.

Saturday, July 30 - Harassment reported at 410 Plant Ave (4:49 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 669 Reynolds Ave (7:59 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 691 Williams Ave (8:59 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 230 Court Ave (9:38 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1130

Hickman Ave (11:05 p.m.). Seventeen traffic stops resulted in one no report, six written warnings, five citations, two arrests, and three verbal warnings.

Sunday, July 31 - Traffic accident reported on Taylor Mill Rd (1:08 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at intersection of Hwy 84/141 (6:42 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in four citations, and two verbal warnings.

Monday, Aug. 1 - Suspicious person reported on Buford St (1:40 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1175 Neil Grantham Dr - w/ animal impound (9:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 991 Winston Ave (11:25 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported at 737 S Williams Ave (3:02 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 23706 County Rd 189 (10:13 p.m.).



Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister got in a little fun in the sun and relaxation at the beach late last week into the weekend. Lou Lou even got Sister to spend more than an hour at the beach... that is quite an accomplishment.

Spending time in the salty water...well, Lou Lou is still working on Sister in that regard. Sister did actually walk down to the water, but once she got just above ankle deep, that look came over her face.

Lou Lou knew she had gone as far as she was going to go!

Sister said "nope", and she turned around and returned to her beach chair nestled underneath a giant umbrella.



It wasn't until about the two-hour mark when Sister decided she had experience enough 'fun in the sun' for this trip. While she allowed Lou Lou to stay on the beach a while longer, Sister gathered her things, returned to the beach house, and enjoyed some peace and quiet with the air conditioning.

Later that evening, Sister's need to be protected from nature's elements showed up once again as they were riding a golf cart. Sister apparently did not realize that even the slow-moving cart would create enough wind to blow her hair all around.

She quickly let Lou Lou know that she did not enjoy all the tangles being created by the wind, and she insisted on visiting a local store to purchase a cap to try and prevent further tangling. Only problem...Sister paid no attention to the size cap she was purchasing!

She returned to the golf cart, pulled her thick, long hair back and placed the new cap on top. Oops. It didn't fit properly.

Realizing Sister was in a predicament, Lou Lou asked, "When did your head get so big?!?!?"

Sister did not find that funny.

Lou Lou looked at the hat, and she quickly realized the problem. Sister had purchased a youth size cap, not an adult size.

She convinced Sister to pull her hair back once again, and she assisted in getting the cap on her head well enough to keep the hair tucked underneath... mostly anyway.

Much to Sister's dismay, Lou Lou had to get a photo of the big head, little cap moment (as shown above). Once Sister realizes this has now been shared with all her Yonder fans...well, this very well could be it for Lou Lou.

We'll see if she survives to write again next week. Until then...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Summer is always a slow time for blood donations due to travel and school breaks, and LifeSouth reports this year is especially difficult as the need for blood to help patients in local hospitals has increased. Local hospitals rely on LifeSouth and LifeSouth blood donors to make sure blood is available before it is needed.

First time donors are encouraged to try blood donation, and LifeSouth asks regular donors to come to a blood drive or blood donor center and bring a friend. Donors who donate platelets, plasma or a double red cell donation receive an additional \$20 e-gift card. All donors also receive a mini-physical, including blood pressure, temperature, iron level and cholesterol screen.

Donors must be at least 17 or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. A photo ID is needed.

For additional information about donation or to find a blood drive near you, call LifeSouth toll-free at 888-795-2707 or visit www.lifesouth.org. Appointments can also be made online.

Happening this weekend at Dothan's Landmark Park...

Education Festival

August 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visitors will have a chance to see what the Education Department at Landmark Park has to offer to classroom and homeschool teachers. Kids and parents also welcome!

Teachers who attend this event, you will get a coupon for 10 percent off of your next field trip to Landmark Park! Visit the Information Booth at the event for details.

For more information, contact Tabitha Shumaker at 334-734-3452 or tabitha@landmarkparkdothan.com.

Event is free with your paid gate admission.



Redesign of reserved parking at Elba's Tiger Stadium brings changes to sales

Reserved tickets and parking for the 2022 football season at Elba High School currently are on sale, and there are some important changes for fans to know.

The reserved parking lot at Tiger Stadium will undergo a re-design and paving along with additional paving projects currently underway for Elba City Schools. This redesign of the parking lot has lessened the number of spots available in the reserved parking section at the stadium.

"Currently we are going to have 57 parking spots, not including the six handicap parking places," Superintendent Chris Moseley said. "However, when the strippers get here, we could end up with a few more, but we are waiting to see how all that works out."

The current 57 reserved spots reduced the number available from past years by 20-something spots, Moseley said. He noted, though, the parking lot would be better designed and work better with the new design.

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PROUDLY SERVING...Lt. Thomas Ethan Carpenter, of Elba, is currently assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28, flying the MH-60S Seahawk helicopter aboard the combat ship USS Billings. The Billings is deployed with the U.S. 4th Fleet to support joint interagency Task Force South's mission, which includes counter-illicit drug trafficking missions in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific. Lt. Carpenter is a 2010 graduate of Elba High School and a 2014 graduate of Auburn University with a degree in aviation management. He is the son of Cathie and LaVaughn Carpenter of Elba.

Alabama reaches another record low unemployment rate

Governor Kay Ivey last week announced Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted June unemployment rate is 2.6%, down from May's rate of 2.7%, and below June 2021's rate of 3.5%.

This rate marks a new series low for the third consecutive month. June's rate represents 60,338 unemployed persons, a new record low, compared to 61,585 in May and 79,439 in June 2021.

"The good news continues to roll in as we reach another unemployment milestone of 2.6%," said Governor Kay Ivey. "For the third consecutive month, Alabama has set a record-low unemployment rate. Alabama is working like never before, and the future continues to look brighter for our state and her people."

The number of people counted as employed rose to 2,228,231 in June, a new record high. This is up 5,306 from May and 59,902 from June 2021.

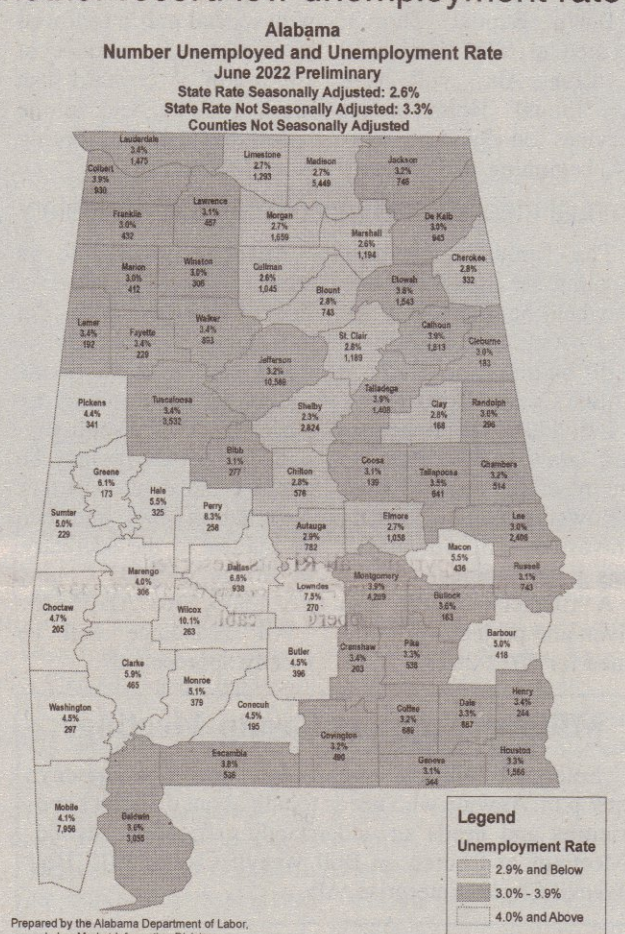
Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 41,200, with gains in the trade, transportation and utilities sectors.

"In the past, administrators, coaches, and board members were getting one parking spot in the reserved section," Moseley said. "They no longer will be receiving a free parking spot, including myself. All these folks will have to pay for a parking spot, just like everyone else, if they desire to park in the reserved parking section. This basically offsets the reduction in available parking spots with the new design."

There are five home games this football season, and reserved tickets are being sold at \$60 per ticket. Those purchasing a reserved ticket can purchase a parking spot (if available) for an additional \$40.

Reserved ticket holders must renew their tickets prior to Aug. 12th to maintain their priority option on their current seats.

For more information or to purchase reserved tickets/parking, stop by the Elba City Schools Central Office at 131 Tiger Drive (or call 334-897-2801).



tor (+7,200), the construction sector (+7,000) and the manufacturing sector (+6,700), among others. The total count of wage and salary employment is 2,085,200, the fourth highest on record.

Wage and salary employment is up in June by 5,700. Monthly gains were seen in the education and health services sector (+3,700), the leisure and hospitality sector (+2,800) and the manufacturing sector (+1,700), among others.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.3%, Marshall and

Cullman Counties at 2.6%, and Morgan, Madison, Limestone, and Elmore Counties at 2.7%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 10.1%, Perry County at 8.3%, and Lowndes County at 7.5%.

Locally, Coffee County's unemployment rate is 3.2%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Trussville at 2.0%, Vestavia Hills at 2.1%, and Alabaster and Madison at 2.2%.

Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 8.7%, Prichard at 7.3% and Bessemer at 5.2%.

Before embalming, which started in the 1800s, flowers were used to cover up some of the natural processes of the deceased. Ancient writings, as old as the Talmud, have referenced fragrant flowers, as well as spices, being used in such a manner.

In order to keep an inviting way for loved ones who wanted to personally say goodbye to the departed, flowers created a more welcoming environment. Flowers were readily available and naturally scented, making them an ideal alternative to perfumes.

In the Victorian era, the deceased was set out in the family's home for many days; large bouquets were used to maintain a fresh and welcoming atmosphere for visitors. Many of the shapes of funeral arrangements we see today originate from this period. The size, color, look, and even grandeur of the offerings were seen as an important way to pay tribute to the deceased.

While the historic use of flowers in funerals has changed, there are a few other key reasons why they are still an essential part of many burial rites. First, they are symbolic. After embalming became commonplace, flowers transformed into a symbol and took on many different forms, including the circular wreath, which reminded onlookers of eternal life.

From its original purpose of offering a fresh scent during funeral procedures, blossoms are modernly used to send messages of comfort to those who are mourning. Flowers also represent the character of the person who has passed. By incorporating them into the service, blossoms create a blissful environment for those who are saddened by the departure of their loved one.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net
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Obituaries

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WILLIAM BRUCE WOOD

Mr. William Bruce "Bill" Wood, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 30, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler and Rev. Will Jordan officiating.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Nell Wood, Elba; stepdaughters: Vanessa (Brad) Allen, and Melissa (Jose) Kelley, both of Elba; stepsons: Chip (Becky) Kelley, Brundidge, Ala., and Lee Kelley, Bellwood, Ala.; sisters: Tonita (Butler) McDonald, Camilla, Ga., and Patsy (James) Crosson, Leesburg, Ga.; along with six grandchildren.

PATRICIA ANN JOHNSON

Mrs. Patricia Ann Johnson, age 68, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, July 30, 2022, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial followed in the Wise

Mill Assembly of God Church cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry "Sweet" Johnson; a daughter, Melissa Beckworth; her parents, Lillie Pearl and Homer Allen Simmons, as well as a sister, Linda Gail Jones.

Survivors include her sons: Jerry Allen Johnson, Jody Johnson, both of Elba; grandchildren: Zach Stephens (LeighAnn Grinde), Dothan, Ala., Shelby Stephens, Elba, and Cody Johnson, Opp, Ala.; a sister: Teresa (Ric) Bludworth, Elba; brothers: James Allen Simmons, Elba, Bobby (Donna) Simmons, Andalusia, Ala.; brother-in-law: Terry Jones, Samson, Ala.; and two great-grandchildren.

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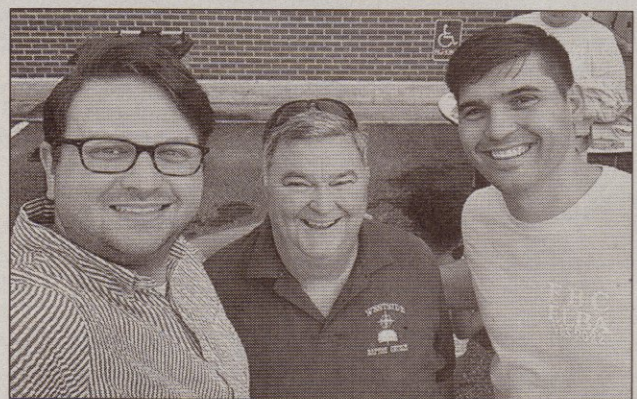
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CHURCH NEWS

Trinity Baptist Church extends open invitation to come worship

Trinity Baptist Church, located at 23830 Hwy 189, Elba, Ala., extends an invitation to those without a church home to come worship. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday.

Dr. Culon Davis is the senior pastor, and Dr. James Preachers is the associate pastor.



Elba First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, and Westside Baptist jointly hosted a "Back to School" Bash last Friday evening, July 29, at First Baptist Church. The event included family fun for everyone. Also, school supplies were given away. Above, the pastors from the churches were all smiles over the success of the event. The pastors are (from left) Steve Reneau, Elba United Methodist Church; Ken Wilson, Westside Baptist Church; and Kit Johnson, First Baptist Church.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Guidance for the Young. Proverbs 3: 1-35 – Trust in the Lord

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Inez B. Long, Elder James Starks, Corene Daniels, Bernice Culver, Shan Williams, Rosemary Edwards, Min. Robert Edwards, RHMBC Family, SMBC Family, Emily Newman, Betty Moore, Toney (Cool Breeze) Wright

out that her parents were divorcing after 20 years of marriage. Recalling my unsympathetic words, I felt terrible. I apologized to her right away; she forgave me and graciously acknowledged that I didn't know what was going on. Even so, my arrogant words must have stung.

Leah and I grew apart after that, in part because of what I had said. As James says, "the tongue is a fire." It can incinerate relationships. – L.M.W.

Question / Answer Section
Q/A for the Week of 8/4/22

Q: God affirmed to Noah that seed time and would never cease.

A: Harvest [Genesis 8:22]
Q: Abraham was given his name because he would be of many nations.

A: Father [Genesis 17:5]

Q: The covenant sign Abraham and his male descendants were to bear was

A: Circumcision [Genesis 17:11]

Thought to Remember

Our connection with God can result in intimacy greater than any other relationship. No part of my life is off-limits to God.

Questions for the Week of 8/11/22

Answer the questions with your concordance

Q: Which two apostles were present at the healing of the man who couldn't walk?

Q: Before what king were Daniel and his friends brought?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



Prayer Walk 2022

Sunday, August 21st @ 4:00

All City & Coffee County Schools

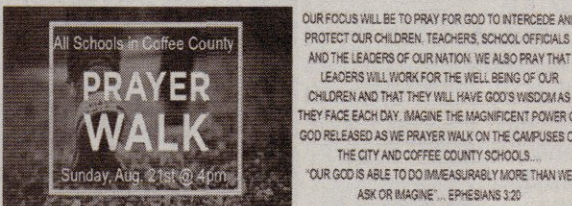


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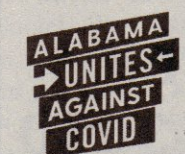
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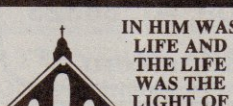
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Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip B. Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHETCY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovel Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP TABERNACLE
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
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LIFESTYLES



ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 OFFICERS were installed Saturday evening, July 30, at the lodge. The new officers are: (front, l to r) Junior Steward Jack Caradine, Senior Deacon Mike Amison, Senior Steward Chris Sanders, Worshipful Master Wendell Black, and Tiler Bert Burrl; (middle, l to r) Secretary Harry Young, Junior Warden Dale Stewart, Treasurer Daniel Stephens, Historian Paul Adams, and Installing Officer PGM Brother Jamie Smith; and (back) Installing Marshall and District Lecture Brother Billy Wilkerson.

Bluegrass Festival set for Sept. 10th at Landmark Park

Head out to Dothan's Landmark Park on Saturday, Sept. 10, for a Bluegrass Festival! Live bluegrass music all day.

There will be jam sessions, instrument demos, food trucks, kids activities, historical interpretations, antique tractors, wagon rides, and arts and crafts vendors. Bring those lawn chairs and 10x10 tents!

Admission includes a wristband for re-entry. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and military; \$4 for kids; free for park members and children 2 and under. Gates open at 9 a.m., music starts at noon.



OPP MASONIC LODGE #605 OFFICERS were installed Saturday, July 30, during a ceremony at the Elba Masonic Lodge. Those installed were: (front, l to r) Senior Warden Brian Smith, Worshipful Master Hal McCarty, Chaplain Donald Phillips, and Secretary Charles Meeks; (back, l to r) Historian Mark Johnson, Treasurer Paul Adams, Junior Warden Drexell Richards, Junior Deacon Austin Anderson, and Tiler Steven Graves.

Dual enrollment funding coverage expanded at ESCC

Starting Fall 2022, tuition costs for general academic dual enrollment (DE) classes at Enterprise State Community College will now be covered thanks to changes in funding for the program.

"We're excited to be able to use our funding to cover more general academic classes for interested dual enrollment students," Dual Enrollment Director Ann Kelley-Spence said. "Dual Enrollment is a great way for our high school students to save money and get a head start on their college education or career training. We are proud to have a large dual enrollment population here at ESCC, and we hope to see even more students taking dual enrollment classes with us in the future."

Kelley-Spence said there would still be a strong focus on career technical programs at the College, even with the expanded tuition coverage.

"Here at ESCC, we have well-known career technical programs that help students learn essential job skills," she said. "We've even had dual enrollment students complete their associate degree with us before they graduated high school. In the end, we're creating fully developed graduates through our dual enrollment program who are ready to

work in high-wage, high-demand careers."

One student who took advantage of ESCC's career technical dual enrollment programs is Sagittarius Williams, a 2022 ESCC and Charles Henderson High School graduate. In two years, Williams completed her associate degree in Medical Assistant Technology before she completed high school. Her current career goals are to work as a medical assistant while she continues her education to become a nurse and, later, an anesthesiologist.

"I wanted to further my education at no cost to my parents, so I decided to enroll," she said, stating that watching a family member dealing with an illness inspired her to look at the College's MAT program. "My program allowed me to check all the boxes that I needed to make my decision of becoming a Medical Assistant Technician/medical professional."

She encouraged high school students to research dual enrollment, calling dual enrollment "a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of."

"The Dual Enrollment Program is very rewarding, and the staff members are very supportive," Williams said. "I am glad that I chose the MAT Program. The

MAT Program will help more job opportunities be made available to me, especially once I am certified. The training that I received was very professional. I appreciate and respect all my instructors and staff; I learned so much material over the last two years, which was a win-win.

"The dual enrollment program gave me a jumpstart on my career. It will open doors for me."

Matthew Muna, another 2022 ESCC graduate and a Dothan High School graduate, also completed his associate degree in airframe technology before his high school graduation. He is planning to pursue a career in aviation maintenance at M1 Support Services.

"As I was entering high school, I was encouraged to learn a trade during my high school years," he said. "I chose aviation because there is a high demand for employment in that industry."

"I had a wonderful experience as a dual enrollment student. All my teachers and counselors were supportive and helpful. I am blessed that workforce develop-

ment grants covered all my aviation, English, math, and science dual enrollment courses."

As part of the expanded coverage starting this fall, students will be able to have the tuition cost of any general education classes at ESCC covered, including classes like psychology, English or history. Previously, dual enrollment students at ESCC were required to be in a career technical program to have the cost of academic classes covered, and those academic classes were limited to core courses, such as English, math or science.

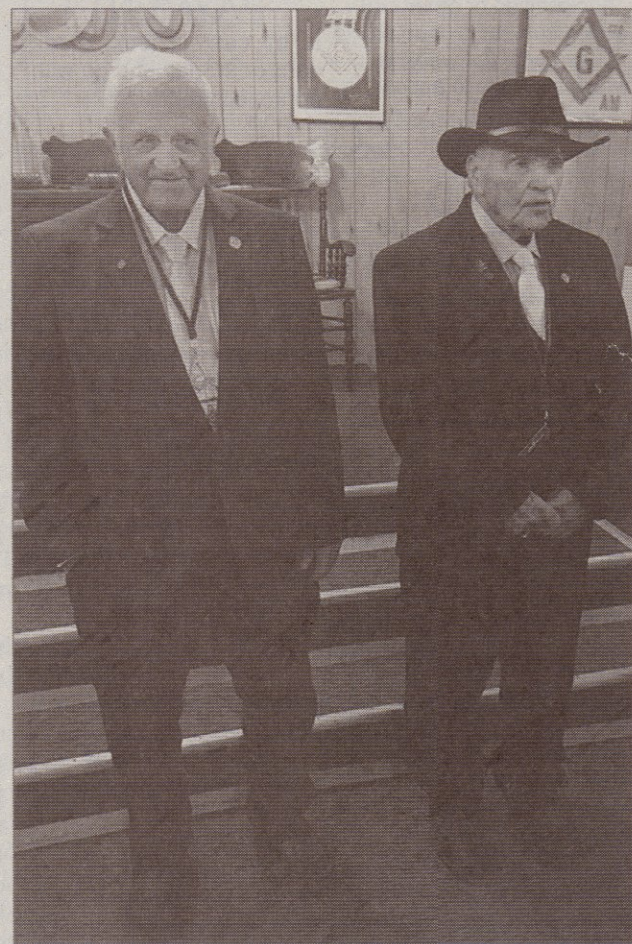
Kelley-Spence noted that funding for general education classes taken outside of career tech programs would only cover the cost of tuition and fees. Books would only be covered if they are taken as part of a career technical program.

ESCC's Dual Enrollment Program is open to eligible students in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. There are GPA requirements to take part in the program. To learn more or to apply to join the program, visit esc.edu/dual-enrollment.

Officer installations held July 30th in Elba for three local Masonic lodges

Saturday evening, July 30, was a special evening at the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 as three different officer installations were conducted.

Officers for the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, Brockton Masonic Lodge #694, and Opp Masonic Lodge #605 were following a finger food fellowship that began at 5 p.m. It was an evening of good fellowship, food, and more for the local Masons.



BROCKTON MASONIC LODGE #694 HAD TWO OFFICERS were installed Saturday, July 30, during a ceremony at the Elba Masonic Lodge. Those installed were (from left) Senior Warden Jerome Blackmon and Worshipful Master Jack Caradine

Seniors encouraged to join the fun at the Elba Senior Citizens Center

Donna Falls, director of the Elba Senior Citizens Center, encourages all seniors age 60 and older to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, Falls works with seniors to help them apply for several programs that they may qualify, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Pro-

gram, etc. However, the senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior Citizens Center for the director to sign them up for these type programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is a social place for any senior citizen to come have fun and find or make new friends.

If interested in joining the center, stop by [304 Factory Ave in downtown Elba] or call (334) 897-3019.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAVID SMITH, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-2022-048

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted on July 14, 2022, to Laura Jones, as Personal Representative of the Estate of David Smith, deceased, who departed this life on the 16th day of May, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Laura Jones, Personal Representative of the Estate of David Smith Deceased 7/21,28 & 8/4-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH KERRIGAN, Deceased

CASE NO. PC 2022-051

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tammy Lynn Kerrigan as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kenneth Kerrigan, deceased, on the 19th day of July, 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
7/21,28 & 8/4-pd

NOTICE OF COMPLETION
Carter's Contracting Services, Inc., hereby gives notice of completion of a contract with the City of

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This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning July 28, 2022 and ending on August 18, 2022. Any claims should be filed at 23263 Harmony Church Road, Andalusia, AL 36421, during this period. CARTER'S CONTRACTING SERVICES, INC. 7/28, 8-4,11&18-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ISAAC CLIFFORD MATTHEWS, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PC 2022-050

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTRIX

Letters Testamentary under the Will of said deceased having been granted to Peggy J. Matthews, on the 19th day of July, 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

PUBLIC AUCTION

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Fall BOW Workshop scheduled for Oct. 7-9; Registration open now

Registration for the fall 2022 Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) workshop opens on August 1 at 6 p.m. for first-time attendees and August 8 at 6 p.m. for both first-timers and those who have previously attended. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources sponsored event takes place at the 4-H Center near Columbiana, Alabama, on October 7-9, 2022.

Alabama's three-day BOW workshop is designed for women ages 18 years or older and offers hands-on instruction in a fun, outdoors setting. Participants can choose four classes from more than 50 courses such as backyard wildlife, camp cooking, map and compass, camping, mountain biking, shooting sports, fishing, hunting, canoeing, nature photography, archery, ATV handling, bird watching, boat handling and more.

BOW coordinator Marisa Futral said the classes are perfect for attendees who are new to the outdoors. "There are many ladies who have not been exposed to these outdoor activities and are apprehensive about trying them," she said. "BOW is ideal for those women because everything is taught at a beginner level."

The registration fee for BOW is \$275, which covers meals, dormitory-style lodging, program materials and instruction. A recreational hunting, fishing or wildlife heritage license is required to participate in BOW. Licenses are available online at <https://myoutdooralabama.com/>, at local probate offices and at many sporting goods stores.

"Enrollment is limited, and classes fill up pretty fast," Futral said. "Those interested in attending BOW should register as soon as

possible to make sure they get the classes they want."

For more information about this fall's workshop including a complete list of classes and class descriptions or to register, visit www.outdooralabama.com/bow.

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ELBA HIGH SCHOOL - CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2022

Wynn Grimes, Principal

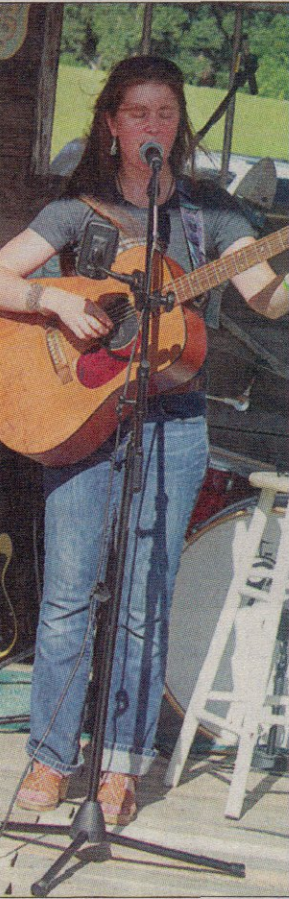
AUGUST 2022

"If you want something you never had, you have to do something you've never done." - Thomas Jefferson -

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 7th Grade Orientation @ 5:30	2	3	4	5 Students First Day	6
7	8	9	10	11 Balfour Class Ring Balance 11:00 Meet The Tigers Mack Wood Field 6:00	12 SGA Elections 9:00	13
14	15	16	17 Juniors Class Ring Ceremony 9:30	18	19 Varsity Football @ New Brockton 7:00PM	20
21	22 JV Football vs. Highland Home 6:00PM	23 Volleyball vs. Luverne 4:00 JH-JV-V	24 Balfour Letterman Jacket 11:30	25 Volleyball @ Kinston 4:00 JV/V	26 Varsity Football @ Kinston 7:00PM	27
28	29 JV Football vs. GW Long 6:00	30 Volleyball @ Pike County 4:00 JV/V	31			

Rockin' the River brings day of fun activities to Elba

Restoration 154 hosted its Rockin' the River event on Saturday, July 23, in Elba. This was a day of fun activities including a 5K Run, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, musical entertainment, kayak races, petting zoo, rubber duck race and more! The City of Elba co-sponsored the event with Restoration 154 Inc., which is a non-profit organization. Proceeds generated from the event will be used by Restoration 154 to help pay electrical and other expenses over the next year for the Elba Theatre, located on the square in Elba. Approximately \$7,500 was profitted from the event to go towards the theatre expenses. Everyone involved said it was a hot but fun day in Elba, Alabama.



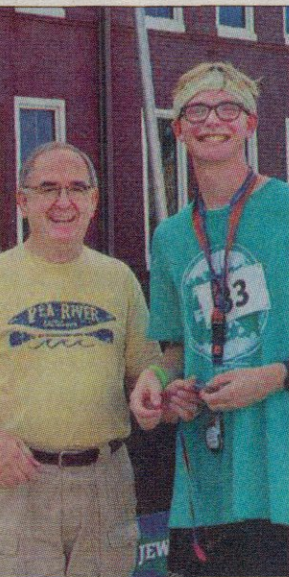
There was live music at The Rabbit Hole, on the square, throughout the day for Rockin' the River.



There were plenty of arts and crafts vendors on site for those who enjoy shopping unique gifts.



Youngsters had fun on waterslides set up for their enjoyment in the kid zone of the Rockin' the River activities held Saturday, July 23, in Elba.



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox congratulates Bradley Chapman for his performance in the Rockin' the River 5K race, held early Saturday morning.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Well, it's back to school for our grandson Lawson and this year my little man will enter the sixth grade. I remember how emotional it was just a few years back when he started kindergarten, and now he is just a year away from heading up to the high school. After surviving Covid and all the changes in the world of education it is really quite an accomplishment for Lawson and his fellow students to complete their seven-year career at the elementary school. All the best young man!

For what it is worth....

*** The Brantley Bulldogs are in the spotlight this week as we close the book on our annual 'Countdown to Kickoff' and this week's team preview is on the Brantley Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are without a doubt one of the top 1A football programs in the state and everyone in lower Alabama knows that the road to a state 'title has to go through Brantley. Brantley has lost just one game each of the past two seasons, with both coming in the playoffs, and the folks up in 'Front Porch City' expect more of the same again this season with one exception, they expect no losses! The Bulldogs did lose some really good players to graduation, but have a stable of big and fast running backs returning, as well as a young quarterback that has all the tools to join the ranks of all-time Bulldog greats at the position. Two of the toughest opponents on the schedule are 2A county rivals Luverne and Highland Home, while Elba should be the biggest region threat. I'm not sure how long the Bulldogs can dominate Class 1A. However, I certainly don't see it ending this season.

*** The Elba Tigers were back at work last week after a week off and it was easy to see the players and coaches were excited to be back on the practice field and continue their preseason drills. The Tigers don't have a lot of numbers, as is the case in Class 1A, and while that means a lack of depth, the Tigers do have a good group of youngsters that are anxious to get on the field under the lights, and that excitement is easy to see, even on the practice field. With the first two games on the road against county rivals New Brockton and Kinston everyone that follows the black and gold has to be as excited as the players and coaches.

*** The Alabama Wood Ducks saw their summer baseball season end last week at the Dixie World Series, in Arkansas, and while the season ended a little sooner than many had hoped, it was kind of a miracle run for the kids from south Alabama. The team included eight players from New Brockton, which should pay big dividends next season, and hopefully will pump some life back into summer baseball for teenagers in the area. I know football is now a year round sport at the high school level, but there is time for the youngsters to also play baseball, and I hope the success of the 'Ducks will bring a reemergence of summer baseball.

*** If there are any more private schools left in Dothan will they please go ahead and join the AHSAA before a new school year is ready to begin. Houston Academy and Providence Christian both joined the public school sports association years back, while Northside Methodist joined two years back and had sit out two years before being eligible to compete for a state title. Now the latest Dothan private school to join the party is Emmanuel Christian. The Warriors applied for membership back in the spring and were accepted after an inspection of the school's policies and athletic facilities. While Emmanuel Christian does not field a football team, it will field eight girl's athletic teams and seven boy's athletic teams as a member of the AHSAA. The Warriors have competed in the Panhandle Christian Conference for nearly 25 years, and was also an AISA member for four years from 2015-2019. It is expected the Dothan school will be a 2A member of the AHSAA when the two-year wait is over.

*** In closing.... The high school football season is just two weeks away and we at 'The Clipper' are still looking for sports fans interested in making a little extra money by working as a reporter for a team in the area. Reporters need to keep up with a play-by-play recap of the game and then get the stats to the office or to me over the weekend so I can put it together. We still need help covering Zion Chapel and Brantley this football season. If you are interested call Linda at (334) 897-2823.

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In 2022 season

Brantley Bulldogs familiar with football foes

The Brantley Bulldogs have been one of the most successful high school football teams in the state over the past four seasons and expect to continue that dominance again this season as they head into their 97th year on the gridiron.

The Bulldogs have posted 56 winning seasons during their ninety-six seasons, own a 591-331-15 overall record, including a 306-120-3 record at home, have claimed for state championships, 32 region titles since 1974, and have made 25 straight playoff appearances.

Following is a preview of this year's regular season schedule:

August 19 – At, Luverne Tigers

The Brantley Bulldogs will kick off the season on the road when they make the short trip to Luverne to tangle with the 2A Luverne Tigers, for the 89th time in the long-time series. The Tigers own a 55-30-3 series edge, but the Bulldogs rolled to a 49-0 win last season to snap a five-year losing streak.

Luverne, in its 103rd year on the football field, has rolled to 75 winning seasons, a total of 607 wins, and a 304-118-6 record at home. The Tiger are coming off a 9-2 season, have posted seven straight winning seasons and have advanced to the playoffs every year since way back in 1983.

August 26 – At, Houston County Lions

The Brantley Bulldogs will kick off region play in a week two road clash at Columbia with the Houston County Lions. The game will be the first-ever between the new region rivals.

Houston County will be coming off a 5-5 season in the 2A ranks and over the past four years has posted a 9-31 record against 2A opponents.

September 2 – McKenzie Tigers

The Brantley Bulldogs will be inside the friendly confines of David Lowery Stadium in a week three region battle with the McKenzie Tigers. Brantley holds a 38-17-2 series edge over their longtime region rivals, has won the last 11 meetings, including a forfeit win last season, and in the previous five games have outscored the Tigers 279-22.

McKenzie will be coming off a 6-4 record, its second straight winning season after going 2-18 in the previous two years.

September 9 – At, Elba Tigers

The Brantley Bulldogs will be back on the road for the third time in the young season the second week in September when they travel to Elba to challenge the Elba Tigers. Elba holds a big 32-13 series edge in the rivalry, but the Bulldogs won the last meeting 21-18 back in 2019 to snap a two-game losing streak to the Tigers.

Elba is back down in the 1A ranks after posting a 16-6 record in Class 2A the previous two years, and has rolled to 15 straight winning seasons.

September 16 – Kinston Bulldogs

The Brantley Bulldogs will return home in week number five when they host the Kinston Bulldogs in a key region clash. Brantley owns a 32-4 series edge over Kinston in the longtime region rivalry, posted a 34-0 win last season, has won 24 straight meetings and during the streak has recorded 11 shutouts.

Kinston will be coming off an 8-4 record, its best ever in football, and its first winning season since 2018.

September 23 – Highland Home Flying Squadron

The Brantley Bulldogs will step outside the region with a much anticipated match-up against the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Brantley owns a big 55-22 series edge over its county rivals, won 42-20 last season and has won the last eight meetings and 12 of the last 13 meetings going back to 2002.

Highland Home is coming off an 8-6 season that saw the Squadron reach the 2A semifinals, and the winning run

Kinston & Zion Chapel receive AHSAA honors

The AHSAA Summer Conference concluded on Friday, July 29, with the Athletic Directors and Principals meeting and the mandatory Medical Advisory meeting.

The eighth annual Star Sportsmanship luncheon recognized 65 high schools that were ejection and fine free for the 2021-22 school year. The Andrews Sports Medicine Sportsmanship \$1,000 grant was awarded to eight of the schools, one from each district, in a show of support for the AHSAA's sportsmanship initiatives. The eight included:

- District 1:
J.U. Blacksher High School, Uriah
- District 2:
High School, Kinston
- District 3:
Greene County High School, Eutaw
- District 4:
Reeltown High School
- District 5:
High School, Corner
- District 6:
Alabama School for the Blind, Talladega
- District 7:
High School, Gordo
- District 8:
High School, Douglas
- Other area schools to be recognized included Barbour County, Florala, Zion Chapel, Providence Christin, Slocumb and Andalusia.



BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

2022 Football Schedule

August 19	Luverne	Away
August 26	Houston Co. *	Away
September 2	McKenzie *	Home
September 9	Elba *	Away
September 16	Kinston *	Home
September 23	H. Home	Home
September 30	Georgiana *	Home
October 7	Open Date	
October 14	Pl. Home *	Home
October 21	Red Level *	Away
October 28	Florala *	Away

(* Denotes region opponent)

was the team's third straight on the field.

September 30 – Georgiana Panthers

The Brantley Bulldogs will stay at home in week number seven when they host the Georgiana Panthers in a longtime region rivalry. Georgiana leads the series 23-14-2, but Brantley won the last meeting 46-0 last season and in a three-game winning streak has outscored the Panthers 157-40.

Georgiana is coming off an 0-10 season and third straight losing season after winning a total of 48 games over the previous five seasons.

October 7 – Open Date

October 14 – Pleasant Home Eagles

The Brantley Bulldogs will be back at work after a late-season break when they host the Pleasant Home Eagles, in a region clash. Brantley owns a big 21-1 series advantage, won 53-0 last season and over the last four years has posted four straight shutouts and has outscored the Eagles 189-0.

Pleasant Home is coming off its second straight one-win season and has won only five total games over the last four seasons.

October 21 – At, Red Level Tigers

The Brantley Bulldogs will be on the road in week number nine when they travel to Red Level to battle the Red Level Tigers. Brantley holds a 44-14 series edge in the region rivalry, posted a 46-6 win last season and has won 18 straight meetings since 1991.

Red Level is coming off a 4-5 season and last enjoyed a winning record back in 2006.

October 28 – At, Florala Wildcats

The Brantley Bulldogs will be on the regular season the final week in October when they travel to Florala for a late-season region clash with the Florala Wildcats. Brantley holds a 25-3-1 advantage in the longtime region rivalry, posted a 54-24 win last season and has win the last 24 meetings.

Florala is coming off a 3-7 season after winning 15 games the previous two seasons and has posted a winning record in five of the past ten seasons.



Wood Ducks win one at World Series

The Alabama state champion Wood Ducks competed at the Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball World Series recently in West Monroe, Louisiana and claimed one win in three games at the 12-team double-elimination tournament.

The tournament included the Wood Ducks, as well as state championship teams from Virginia, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and, South Carolina, and two at-large teams from the home state of Louisiana.

The Wood Ducks opened the tournament against the Tennessee state champs from Pleasant View, Tennessee, and fell behind early and never recovered in a 7-2 loss in which the Wood Ducks actually outthit their opponents 8-6. Payton Green had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Wood Ducks, while Gavin Mayo and Siaoisi Blevins both added 2 hits, Austin Acreman added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Colton McClenny added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Gavin Mayo and Trent Smith combined to pitch six innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits and four walks, while recording four strikeouts.

The Wood Ducks pulled ahead early and held on late to stay alive with an exciting 2-1 win over the Louisiana state champs, from DeQuincy, Louisiana. Riley Simmons

had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Wood Ducks, while Payton Green added 2 hits, Gavin Mayo added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Baylon Foster added 1 hit. Austin Acreman, Hunter White and Payton Green combined to pitch seven innings and allowed one earned run on seven hits and five walks, while recording seven strikeouts.

The Wood Ducks saw their World Series run draw to a close with a 12-5 loss to the Arkansas state champs, from Camden, Arkansas, in a game in which the Wood Ducks saw an early 2-0 lead vanish. Baylon Foster had 2 hits to lead the Wood Ducks, while Blake Peterson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Colton McClenny added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Riley Simmons added 1 hit and had 1 rbi, and Trent Smith and Payton Green both added 1 hit. Payton Green and Hunter Bedsole combined to pitch six innings and allowed eight earned runs on twelve hits and six walks, while recording seven strikeouts.

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